

Living the Supernatural Life

We are living in a world that is made up of one-dimensional people. Those who live by what they see, feel and touch. But as Christians we are designed to live a **supernatural** life, a life that has its roots in the realm of things we cannot see, feel or touch. A life that operates both in the natural and the spiritual. This extraordinary life is a life that is only available to those who have that **supernatural life within** them. Too often we settle for the natural life and miss the possibilities of the **supernatural** life. Yet, we are fashioned to live a life rooted in the awesome power of God, and not in our natural strengths.

I think the biggest problem confronting most believers is that they have switched to 'autopilot' concerning the things of God. They are stuck in their own comfort zone! They've settled for an unexceptional life because it is easy, comfortable and the cost is not too high. But there is no reward for an unexceptional life. Why? Because your destiny has been established on the 'out of the ordinary' life which Jesus has secured for you. Therefore, supernatural and the super-abundant life within you reflects the **real** life you should be living! Let me ask you something... *"Do we see and hear only the natural or the supernatural?"*

The problem is, because there are so few **supernatural** experiences in the church today, most believers have come to not expect them. Once supernatural experiences were the norm for the church, but now they are the rare exception. Many are happy to settle for no supernatural experience because they want to play it safe! However, God has invited us to come boldly to His throne room (a holy place of supernatural encounter).

If you are a born again Christian it is not enough to be and do what comes 'naturally'. If you do not regularly exceed your natural abilities then you are not living out the **supernatural** life! Note, I didn't say, "If you don't see people being healed or perform miracles." I said, "If you do not exceed your natural abilities." We are called to live a spiritually centred life, one that's focused upon the power and ability of God. Not our own! Yet, our lives rarely if ever, reflect that reality.

There is no better fulfilment of the enemy's plans than to have us living in the natural rather than the **supernatural** realm. God has a plan and we are a vital part of it. How many of you believe that? God has had a plan from the beginning of time. Did you know that? He unveiled that plan in the Garden where He created the first man and woman. The bible says, *"God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them"* (**Genesis 1:27**). The Hebrew word for image is *tselem*, which means likeness or resemblance. In the Aramaic, it means "icon or statue" and can mean shade or shadow of something. Adam and Eve were made in the image of God; they were made to resemble the character and likeness of God Himself. God even gave humanity the ability to co-create eternal souls, something He has entrusted to no other creature under heaven.

The bible says that human beings were made to be "a little lower than God." **Psalms 8:4-6**, *"What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him? Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty! You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet..."* Man was created to reflect the very glory of God and he was made

to rule over the works of God's hands. That is, to rule over creation. To be like God!

Here is the point: God willed to do everything through human beings on earth, and so complete was that decision, that it required the incarnation to undo what Adam had done in giving it all away to Satan. This was a complete and total decision of God to act through human beings. Men and women would be God's tool to exercising His authority and activity upon the earth. In other words, God chose to limit His authority and activity on earth to the availability and willingness of men and women who "call upon Him." And He filled them with His Spirit! All of this underscores the amazing and often overlooked truth that God depends upon ordinary people to bring His **supernatural power** to bear upon the earth.

In **1 Kings 18:1** God tells Elijah, "*Go show yourself to Ahab, and I will send rain on the face of the earth.*" But that isn't the end of it. At the end of the chapter, Elijah has to pray for rain, seven times...and then God sends it. What was the purpose of having Elijah to pray for rain, since God had already declared it was His intent to bring it about? And who prompted Elijah to pray? God! In fact, Elijah had to pray for one reason - to complete what God had initiated. God would not send the rain until it was requested, even though God had clearly said it was His intention to do so. Do you understand the implications of this? God has declared wonderful promises and intentions for you. But just because God has declared them won't bring them to pass. God has commanded that we ASK for them. James says, "***You have not because you ask not.***"

We have made the mistaken assumption that because God is in control, because God is sovereign, that we can sit back and let go and let God. But God's plan is that we be actively involved in the process of bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to this earth through our requests. It is God's design that we be a part of the equation. Our failure or willingness to ASK affects the eternal destinies of people. Here is something that our enemy Satan fears. He fears that you will re-discover the glory that God intended for you...the glory that comes from being created in the image of God. We have been talking about "living the supernatural life" and wondering why we live so far below our birthright! The answer is, we have lost the vision of who we are and what we are called to live upon earth for. We have forgotten why we were given the resurrection life. A life of power in the Spirit! And because we have forgotten we fail to ASK!

The Holy Spirit that inspired prophets, like Elijah to pray for no rain and then to pray for rain is the same Holy Spirit that now dwells within you and me. As people of God, we are distributors for God. God is the one who produces, and our function isn't to replace God but to release God so others can find Him. We are like the disciples who distributed the bread loaves to the hungry multitudes, we must realise that our job is to distribute, and asking is our method of doing so. We don't deliver anyone, heal anyone, or defeat the enemy. All of that is already done! Reconciliation is complete. Deliverance and victory are finished. Done! The question is... Will you let Him live His **supernatural power** through you? If you will, you need to first ASK. **Ask** that His supernatural resurrection power manifest in and through you! **Ask** that you may live in the supernatural realm of His Spirit!

Remember this, it is God's original intent to use you to bring His **supernatural** LIFE into everyday situations (as re-presenters of the work Jesus has completed on the Cross). God expects you to live the **supernatural life** because, without it operating, no one can see or find Him!